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DRESS REHEARSAL. . . . Three members of the student casts of the one-act plays to be presented tomorrow night at the T.H.S. auditorium go through their scene in rehearsal. Left to right they are Richard Uglund, Marian McDonald and Dwight Hanna.

Hi-Lites of Seaside

New Slate of Officers Named for Seaside PTA

By GRACE RYCKMAN

At the regular Seaside PTA meeting last Thursday, officers for next year's Seaside PTA Board were elected. They are: President, Mrs. Loren Edman; 1st VP, Mrs. Robert Mease; 2nd VP, Mrs. Winston Gravin; 3rd VP, Mrs. William Steinwachs; 4th VP, Mrs. Emmett Ryckman; recording secretary, Mrs. Clarence Herbst; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Harold Muldoon; treasurer, Mrs. Alfred Yerkes; historian, Mrs. Jack Oakes; and auditor, Ralph Ziskin. Seems like a real good lineup—five of the officers are from the Heights and five are from the Ranchos. During the meeting Mrs. Raymond Hole, past president, told us of the formation of the Riviera PTA. Temporary chairmen have been chosen, by-laws are being written and a "charter member" list is being made. Best wishes to you of Hollywood - Riviera from Seaside Heights.

Helen Slover and her two girls, Susan and Nancy, of Bindewald, spent a very lazy and lovely week-end (March 1 and 2) with Mr. and Mrs. Arda Lee and their daughter, Nora Jean, in Tujunga. In fact little Nancy, who so recently was hospitalized with pneumonia, stayed with them for a couple of weeks. Sort of convalescing.

If you should hear some new

Services Held For Youthful Suicide Victim

Funeral services were conducted yesterday morning for Gosta Karl Peterstrom, 27, who died of a .45 caliber bullet hole in his head late Thursday evening. Peterstrom was found lying in a field near Del Amo Ave. and the extension of Inglewood Ave. by Clifford Willetta, Redondo Beach, who notified Torrance Police.

The victim was rushed to Harbor Hospital where he lived for twelve hours. Officers said that Joe Hatfield, 4800 W. 190th St., reported that Peterstrom, a boarder, left a note at his place stating that he was contemplating suicide. An hour later he was found in the grassy field.

Surviving him is his wife, Mildred, from whom he had been separated, who resides in Manhattan Beach.

Private cremation followed the services at Stone and Myers Chapel here.

sounds emerging from 5240 Vanderrill Rd., and have not been told, I'll tell you—it is from the new addition to the family. A little brother for Robert Hatton, age 8, was born Saturday, Feb. 23, and has been named Melvin Richard. Congratulations are extended to his proud parents, Charles and Olga Hatton.

And Sunday, March 23, in the Torrance High School auditorium at 3 p.m. a Keyboard Concert will be given by the Torrance Concert Orchestra, led by Abe Milstein. One of the featured pianists will be Anita Menni, a graduate of Torrance High School, class of '50. This concert is open to the public and is free of charge.

This bit of news comes through the courtesy of my daughter. Seems that sympathy is due David Pace of MacGregor Rd. He has been out of school with the mumps for a couple of weeks. And on Zakon, another case of the mumps just past is Arlene Weber. We're sorry kids; hope you didn't feel too badly.

Tomorrow night, at 7:30, also at the Park building, more Scout doings. This will be the regular monthly Cub Pack meeting. This one should be real good. The theme is Klipping's Jungle Tales. I understand each of the Dens will have their Cubs dressed as a different animal, and a sort of dance routine has been worked out. Win Gravin, Cubmaster, invites the public to attend. So let's go see these bodacious beasts; shall we?

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List Precincts For School Vote

Reminder that next Sunday is the final day for registering for the forthcoming school election to be held May 16 was voiced by school officials this week. Voters must be registered 54 days prior to the election.

Announced this week were the eight consolidated election precincts established for the election. The polls will be at the following locations:

- No. 1—Perry Elementary School, 17831 Prairie Ave.
- No. 2—North Torrance Elementary School, 17220 Casimir St.
- No. 3—Fern Avenue Elementary School, 1314 Fern Ave.
- No. 4—Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St.
- No. 5—Torrance Elementary School, 2205 Martina St.
- No. 6—Walteria Elementary School, 24456 Madison St.
- No. 7—Seaside Elementary School, 4651 Sharynne Lane.
- No. 8—Private Residence, 716 Calle de Arboles.

Students Still Draft Exempt

Induction of college students is still being postponed by all draft boards until the end of the school year, according to Merl F. Sloan, director of student personnel at El Camino College. A recent release from Selective Service Headquarters stated that no change had occurred in the 1948 act which made it mandatory for draft boards to postpone the induction of all full-time college students.

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Civil Defense Preparations Underway at Camino College

Preparations to meet a sudden enemy bombing attack or any other disaster, condition are being made at El Camino College, according to information from the local campus.

Dr. S. R. Ellis, psychology instructor, is in charge of the college disaster relief program, assisted by a staff of students and faculty members.

Posters giving directions to the nearest shelter have been posted in all classrooms and corridors, and first-aid classes have been formed to instruct students in treating injuries. In addition, Mrs. Claire Maddox, school nurse, has been registering and classifying students for disaster relief work.

A new bulletin, "What You Can Do When an Atomic Bomb Strikes," will be distributed to students soon, according to Dr. Ellis.

Student Plays Open Tomorrow Evening

The curtain will rise at 8:15 tomorrow on the first of three original one-act plays written, directed and acted by T.H.S. students under the auspices of the National Thespian Society Troupe 1133. First event of its kind in Torrance, the evening of one-act plays was designed to promote genuine "student shows," where the students are given a chance to display their talents, not only in acting and directing, but in writing as well.

A large number of plays were submitted, of which three were chosen for presentation. They are "Little Innocent," written by Sandra Pustoff; "My Innocent Darling," by Jo Ann Benard and Jeanette Lopez; and "Romeo and Juliet" by Leo Meltvedt and Ted Lloyd. Screen and Radio Star Rosemary DeCamp Shiller has donated and will present trophies to the winners.

Thespian President Jim Crain and Vice President Dwight Hanna are heading the shows as production managers. Others on the show staff include Jo Ann Benard, Bob Hubbard, Hilma Jalo, Diana Davis, Edgar Forcier, Ann Flanagan, Sylvia Harper, Marian McDonald and Jeanette Lopez.

The show will be given before the high school student body this afternoon. Tickets for tomorrow's public performance will be available at the door at 50 cents for general admission and 75 cents for reserved seats. The show will be presented in the high school auditorium.



RALPH QUIGLEY Wins Commendation

Coxswain Leads Crew in Rescue Of 3 Seamen

Ralph I. Quigley, a crew member of the ship USS Gunston Hall, received a commendation from ship's Commander G. T. Baker, US Navy, recently, his parents were informed.

He and other crew members were honored for the saving of the lives of three merchant seamen who were thrown from a wrecked ship into the water. Quigley was the coxswain and he "used keen judgment in conducting the rescue," the commendation read.

The rescue took place off Yokohama in January. Other members of the stricken ship could not be saved.

Quigley, a native of Torrance, attended high school here. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Percy Quigley of 1542 W. 219th St.

ECC Bulletin Ready Soon

A new enlarged El Camino College bulletin will be available to the public about May 1. Wayne Durston, assistant director of instruction, has announced.

The bulletin contains listings of the classes available to students at the college, course descriptions and general information.

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